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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 30(a) of Article VI of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting two new sections in lieu thereof relating to county consolidation.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2020, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article VI of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 30(a), Article VI, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and two new sections adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Sections 30(a) and 30(c), to read as follows:

Section 30(a). 1. The people of the city of St. Louis and the people of the county of St. Louis shall have **the exclusive power to:**

(1) [to] Consolidate the territories and governments of the city and county into one political subdivision under the municipal government of the city of St. Louis; [or,]

(2) [to] Extend the territorial boundaries of the county so as to embrace the territory within the city and to reorganize and consolidate the county governments of the city and county, and adjust their relations as thus united, and thereafter the city may extend its limits in the manner provided by law for other cities; [or,]

(3) [to] Enlarge the present or future limits of the city by annexing thereto part of the territory of the county, and to confer upon the city exclusive

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

13 jurisdiction of the territory so annexed to the city; [or,]

14 (4) [to] Establish a metropolitan district or districts for the functional
15 administration of services common to the area included therein; or[.]

16 (5) [to] Formulate and adopt any other plan for the partial or complete
17 government of all or any part of the city and the county.

18 2. The power so given shall be exercised by the vote of the people of the
19 city and county, **and only by a vote of the people of the city and county,**
20 upon a plan prepared by a board of freeholders consisting of nineteen members,
21 nine of whom shall be electors of the city and nine electors of the county and one
22 an elector of some other county.

23 3. Upon the filing with the officials in general charge of elections in the
24 city of a petition proposing the exercise of the powers hereby granted, signed by
25 registered voters of the city in such number as shall equal three percent of the
26 total vote cast in the city at the last general election for governor, and the
27 certification thereof by the election officials to the mayor, and to the governor,
28 then, within ten days after the certification the mayor shall, with the approval
29 of a majority of the board of aldermen, appoint the city's nine members of the
30 board, not more than five of whom shall be members of or affiliated with the same
31 political party. Each member so appointed shall be given a certificate certifying
32 his appointment signed by the mayor and attested by the seal of the city.

33 4. Upon the filing with the officials in general charge of elections in the
34 county of a similar petition signed by registered voters of the county, in such
35 number as shall equal three percent of the total vote cast in the county at the last
36 general election for governor, and the certification thereof by the county election
37 officials to the county supervisor of the county and to the governor, within ten
38 days after the certification, the county supervisor shall, with the approval of a
39 majority of the county council, appoint the county's nine members of the board,
40 not more than five of whom shall be members of or affiliated with the same
41 political party. Each member so appointed shall be given a certificate of his
42 appointment signed by the county supervisor and attested by the seal of the
43 county.

**30(c). 1. Any change to the territories or governments of the City
2 of St. Louis and the County of St. Louis shall only occur as authorized
3 under Article VI, Sections 30(a) to 30(c) of this Constitution.**

Section B. Under chapter 116, RSMo, and other applicable constitutional
2 provisions and laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot

3 language for the submission of a joint resolution to the voters of this state, the
4 official ballot title of the amendment proposed in section A shall be as follows:

5 "Shall a merger between the City of St. Louis and the County of St.
6 Louis be left to the discretion of their governing bodies, as existing
7 law provides in the Constitution?"

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